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CHEE et al.

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USING MICROSPHERE ARRAYS**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the office action mailed September 20, 2002 (paper No. 17), for the above-identified U.S. patent application. This response is being submitted with a petition for a two-month extension of time on or before February 20, 2003, making this a timely response.

This response is also accompanied by a Continued Prosecution Application based under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d) with the appropriate filing fees. Although we believe no other fees are due at this time, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. A-67851-2/RMS/DCF/KJC- 469249-00184).

Please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks herein.